

NASHUA CELEBRATES ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Nashua, NH, the Gate City of New Hampshire. As the United States prepares to observe the 227th anniversary of our independence, the citizens of Nashua will be celebrating the city's sesquicentennial. It is therefore timely and appropriate that we recognize this great American community.

With its rich heritage and the continuing role it plays in New Hampshire's economic and cultural vitality, I am proud to be a native of Nashua. We cannot accurately talk about this city without praising its most distinctive asset: the people of Nashua. From its founding as the Township of Dunstable in 1673 to its incorporation as the City of Nashua in 1853 through today, they have shown a unique entrepreneurial flair, a dedication to their neighbors and the courage to often times place their own lives at risk for the well-being of our country. Their involvement in the American Revolution is one of many episodes which vividly illustrate these characteristics. The residents in what was then called Dunstable, upon hearing of the fight at Lexington, rushed to take up arms. According to historical accounts, nearly one-half of the able-bodied men in Dunstable enlisted in the Army by the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill. CAPT William Walker organized a company of 66 of these men for this battle. They were placed at the high point of the British attack. To be stationed here was actually a great honor as it reflected their fighting expertise and commitment to the cause of independence.

Since then, Nashuans have continued to serve and defend their country when our freedoms were at risk: 1,348 men served in the Civil War; 4,160 in World War Two. Nashua's airport is named after Paul Boire, a young navy pilot who died in March, 1943. Women, too, have greatly contributed to these causes, oftentimes on the front lines. Mrs. Adelaide Johnson Stevens was a volunteer nurse during the Civil War and was wounded during the assault on Fort Harrison.

In the early part of the 1800s, the community was quickly becoming a center for commerce and industry. Daniel Abbott was the man perhaps most responsible for this reputation. He, along with partners Joseph Greeley and Moses Tyler, founded the Nashua Manufacturing Company which became one of the world's preeminent manufacturers of cotton, woolen, and iron goods. Throughout the 19th century, Nashua was well known as a center for innovation. For example, the Nashua Iron and Steel Works made the stoppers for the ports in the turrets of the S.S. *Monitor*. The Rollins Engine Company made the famous steam engine which help power the economic expansion not only in New Hampshire but throughout our country. As Nashua

grew, so did its reputation as a home for entrepreneurs. Royden Sanders turned Sanders Associates into one of the top defense contractors in our country. In an interesting sidenote, Ralph Baer, who worked as a manager for Sanders in the 1960s, developed the first television video game and is often called the Tom Edison of video games. Sanders is now owned by BAE Systems but continues to be a pioneer in the design, development, and manufacture of electronic systems for both military and commercial use.

What is perhaps the most distinguishing characteristic of the city's people has always been their commitment to helping their neighbors and to constantly improving the quality of life here. Nashua's history is full of stories which illustrate their dedication. On April 20, 1861, the city passed soldiers aid resolution providing one dollar per week for the wife of an enlistee and one dollar per week for each dependent child. Today, Nashua has organizations like Marguerite's Place which has done so much to turn around the lives of women and their children who have been victims of domestic violence. The city's current mayor, Bernie Streeter, has long served the public and is continuing in the honorable tradition started by Nashua's first mayor, Josephus Baldwin. My father, Hugh Gregg, has also served as mayor of Nashua and Governor of New Hampshire. It was in large part through his work that the city's economic vitality was restored after the mills moved and closed in the early 1950s.

All of these people, and their stories, demonstrate how Nashua has maintained its vitality, adapted to changing times, and continues to be a leader in so many areas. It is no wonder that the city has twice been named as the best place to live in the United States. I do not think any other community in the country can make that claim. With that, I am proud to honor and salute them as they celebrate the sesquicentennial of Nashua, NH.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LEE AND HARRY FIRST

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, a great thinker once said that there is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage. Judge Lee and Harry First of Riverdale, New York, have certainly demonstrated the truth of those stirring words. For 50 years, they have set an example of commitment, faith, and values. They have been blessed with a strong and happy marriage and a loving family. I am delighted to wish our very good friends, Lee and Harry, a happy 50th wedding anniversary and a joyous celebration.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 342. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1276. An act to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions.

H.R. 2312. An act to amend the Communications Satellite of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement.

H.R. 658. An act to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2465. An act to extend for six months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, acting Chairman, Mr. WOLF, of Virginia, Mr. PITTS, of Pennsylvania, Mr. ADERHOLT, of Alabama, Mrs. NORTHUP, of Kentucky, Mr. CARDIN, of Maryland, Ms. SLAUGHTER, of New York, and Mr. HASTINGS, of Florida.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1323. A bill to extend the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted by 6 months.